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LOGNOTE -- A/Chief, Operations Group, 17 January 1985

1. [ ] Following from D/FBIS staff meetings 10/17 January:

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- DDCI and Deputy Directors discussed TV monitoring at an offsite meeting last week at which it was decided that FBIS would meet a DDI need for recorded TV video materials from some dozen major foreign cities, mainly European. Pending our response on how to approach this D/S&T would find it useful to have a recap on what present FBIS capabilities are, with an appendix showing present coverage. This should be available before 28 January, when D/FBIS plans to brief D/S&T on the FBIS response to the original request by five DDI Office Directors for real-time Soviet/European TV at Langley.
- We should get out vacancy notices on known vacancies asap to beef up the T/O before 1 April.
- DDS&T will approve promotions to GS-15 in the future.
- It looks now as though an interim move of the bureau in Amman has been ruled out; at least the one site identified has been ruled inadequate by FBO.
- Although OMB supposedly gave State extra funds for security upgrades for 1985 and 1986, State has been told it will have to eat costs for 1986.
- A new parking garage is slated to open at Langley in the summer/fall of 1985.
- FBIS new initiatives for 1987 were discussed at a recent Board of Directors (S&T) meeting, and two were accepted: a ROSET package--including technical upgrades, the Mideast ROSET, and a multibeam antenna--totalling \$3.3 million; and a single AG Methodologies Branch/Japanese Machine Translation package totalling \$1.4 million. ROSET was ranked high, the other package about halfway down the list.
- The Agency will solicit bids for construction of the new building this week.
- D/S&T mentioned again that FBIS should budget for its own move to a new building, probably as part of 1987 budget planning. [ ] is saying Rosslyn is out of the question. DD/FBIS is gathering information on parking needs etc. and hopes to get O/L involved in making at least tentative approaches to potential commercial building landlords in the Vienna Metro area.

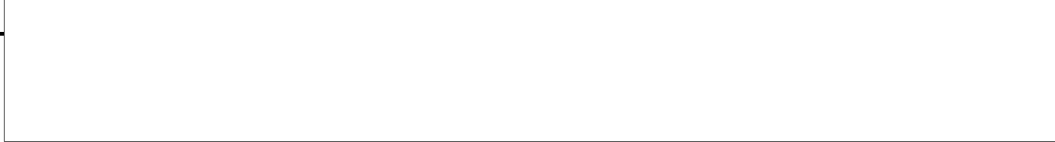
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- A memorandum is going to DDS&T this week recommending site D as the preferred site for Nicosia Bureau.



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- D/FBIS is requesting D/S&T approval to contact USIA on possibilities of a cooperative effort in Europe whereby FBIS and VOA would share use of rooftop antennas on embassies now planned for USIA's Worldnet.
- SDS is removing bureau automation from the Modernization RFP currently being drafted because budgetary pressures are forcing an emphasis on Headquarters automation first. When we are ready to move on field automation the budget strategy will be to include funds in the Ongoing part of the budget, not go for a New Initiative. London Bureau will still become part of BBC's modernization planning in the sense that it will use BBC terminals to access the BBC product.

(cc: C/DRD, C/MOD, C/ED)

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